As a licensed Amateur Radio Operator since 1981, I must say this
is the first time I've ever filed a comment regarding any issue
related to Amateur Radio. I strongly believe the operation of BPL
will cease HF operation as we know it. It will not only affect the
Amateur Radio Service, there must be thousands of users of HF.

   There is already technology available for high speed Internet
access - DSL, CableModem, ISDN, etc. If the idea is to plug-and
-play HS (High Speed) access into any room of your home, there
are already devices cheaply and widely availble for that as well -
cat 5/cat 6 cable (very cheap), and if you don't want to make the
effort to run these cables in your home, then look towards the
already profoundly useful, and cheap wireless LAN transceivers.

   There are already plenty of methods to access HS Internet. The
correct medium to promote HS Internet access is the inevitable
nationwide fiber optic network - fiber to every home. I truley
believe this will be the prevailant standard within most of our
lifetimes. The fact that no one can agree upon who should fund the
initial outlay of cash required should be irrelevant here. The
important thing to remember is this is the much better suited way
to carry the high speed BITS to/fro your personal computer.

   Again, there are thousands of HF users. I can only personally
speak for the Amateur Radio Service. Amateur Radio changed my life.
I got into it when I was at a turning point in my life - a 16 year
old kid with nothing on the horizon. I was getting restless. If it
had not been for WD8JJY coming down to my home, only one day after I
talked to him on the telephone, and demonstrating a VHF repeater to
me, I truley believe I would not have the OUTSTANDING federal
government job I have today (surpassing 17 years now), nor would I
be married to the WONDERFUL Registered Nurse I am today (also
approaching 17 years). The person who introduced us had one thing
in common with me - he too was a Ham Radio Operator.

   This monkey business of trashing the HF spectrum with a service
that is already in bulk existance from my limited examples above, is
quite frankly alarming. The proper delivery method for HS Internet
is what we're already using, then to ultimately make the final
transition to the real deal - FIBER OPTIC CABLE. Light the way.
Don't trash the HF band. Practice above-and-beyond good engineering.
Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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